

# A WEEK'S NEWS.

## Gleaned by Telegraph and Mail

### WASHINGTON NOTES.

Receivers received by the Postoffice Department from twenty-five of the largest postoffice stamps, postal cards, etc., for the quarter ending July 30, 1883, over the corresponding period of the previous year of \$25,477, or about six per cent. These figures are the amount of the stamps and postal cards of 1883 collected thirty-one per cent of the total revenue of the Department.

During the month of July, usually the dull month in the year, the report of the Mail Division of the Pension Office showed that there had been received 1,282 original invalid pension claims, 4,201 of others, including widows, minors, increase claims, old war-bounty, land, etc.; also 2,280 Congressional letters of inquiry. The total number of letters sent out for the month was 13,168, averaging 467 per day.

Under construction of a new law made some time ago, by Secretary Volger, leave of absence to employees of the Treasury Department is limited to thirty days in each calendar year, with pay, except in case of sickness. It had heretofore been the custom to allow employees ten, ordinary and fifteen additional days' leave, that they might go home to vote. Now absent from duty on that account will be deducted from the thirty days' leave allowed by law.

W. B. STEVENS, United States Consul at Smyrna, writes the National Board of Health, under date of July 15, that the news from Egypt is less alarming than at the time of his last report. Facts have come to light tending to show the disease, which decimated the population of Damietta is not Asiatic cholera, but malignant local dysentery, caused by the filthy condition of the town and the unclean habits of its lower classes, whose principal article of food is caught from water polluted, and poisoned by being used as a receptacle for offal, the carcasses of animals, etc. During British occupation many deaths occurred and their bodies were dumped into the water regardless of consequences.

The collapse of standard silver dollars during the month of August will amount to \$2,000, to be paid in the different months. The total receipts of the Treasury for the month of August are \$29,909,299, against \$29,505,487 for the same month last year. This shows an increase of \$403,812 for the first month of the new tariff law.

The design for a new four-cent postage stamp has been approved. The stamp will contain a bust engraving of Andrew Johnson.

The United States Consul General at Matamoros sent a telegram to the Department of State in regard to the action of the authorities of Louisiana in subjecting all vessels from Mexico to quarantine. He complains that the quarantine against Matamoros is unjust as that place is healthy and free from infection.

The first week in August the Treasury Department paid out nearly \$1,000,000, on account of pensions.

The issue of standard silver dollars for the week ending Aug. 4 was \$380,400; corresponding period last year, \$277,000.

### THE EAST.

About four hundred laborers on the Pittsburgh, McKeesport & Youghiogheny (Pa.) Railroad, now in course of construction, struck against a reduction of wages of from fifteen to twenty-five cents a day. About one thousand more it was thought, would soon follow.

The Executive Council of the Irish National League of America met recently in New York. There were present Patrick Egan and Matthew Harris, of Ireland, and Rev. Dr. Charles O'Reilly, of Detroit. The League of America, President Alexander Sullivan, was in the chair. The League disposed of a large amount of business and received reports from various sections of the country. Among the subjects considered was that of land grants in the Southern and Western States and Territories by English aristocrats and English corporations. A committee was appointed to secure a complete report in each State and Territory of the quantity of land purchased and the names of the purchasers, and make a statement showing whether such purchases are residents of the United States. The constitution was amended so as to provide for election by State Convention of a Vice-President in each country in the several States.

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At Key City, Mich., the other day, three of five dead infants were found in the privy vaults in rear of McCord's block.

W. K. ACKERMAN has resigned the Presidency of the Illinois Central Railroad, giving as his reason that he needed rest after thirty-one years' service for that corporation.

CHARLES FORD, one of the "rovers" of Jesse James, was recently arrested at Kansas City upon an indictment charging him with being one of the Rite Cut train robbers.

The presidential party, consisting of the President, Secretary Lincoln, Senator Vest, and others, arrived at Chicago on August 10, 1883, for the purpose of attending the annual convention of the National Board of Health.

At Kansas City Judge White overruled the motion for a new trial in the case of Orth H. Stein for the murder of George Fredericks, and sentenced the prisoner to the State Prison for life.

The Minnesota Democratic State Convention, at St. Paul, nominated W. H. McLean for Governor; J. E. Green, Secretary of State; John Lodge, Treasurer; J. W. Willis, Attorney General; and F. Lindholm, Attorney General.

The business failed the past week numbered 182, against 180 the previous week. Forty were in the Western States.

OFFICER JOHN WALL, of Chicago, who seriously wounded a young man named Edward Bunker, recently, who defended himself against a crowd of roughs, subsequently committed suicide, the fact of his shooting an innocent party preyed upon his mind causing him to kill himself.

A RECENT FIRE at San Francisco destroyed almost an entire block, among them the Winter Garden Theatre and Druid's Hall. Loss estimated at \$300,000; insurance believed to be less than half. It was the largest fire the city had had since 1876.

Several accidents occurred, many serious. Harry Morgan, an actor, was burned to death. Others were fatally injured by jumping from windows.

The election in Utah elicited but little interest. The Mormons carried every county except one.

W. M. MANN, nominated for Governor by the late Democratic Convention of Minnesota, declined to accept, and his successor will be chosen by the State Central Committee.

BROWN BROS. & Co., lumber dealers and insurance agents of Detroit, Mich., have failed. Liabilities \$200,000; assets \$50,000.

Mrs. GEORGETTE ALLEN, wife of Rev. A. B. Allen, rector of Grace Episcopal Church, Rock Island, Ill., committed suicide recently by drowning. She had been suffering from hysterical mania, caused by religious excitement, and taking advantage of her husband's absence ran in her night dress to a stream three hundred yards distant and drowned herself.

At a late meeting at Sevierville, Tenn., of the Convention of the Episcopal Church, consisting of bishops, ministers and laymen from thirteen Southern States, it was resolved as the sense of the meeting that the General Convention of the Church, which meets this fall, be memorialized to establish schools for the education of colored men who desire to enter the ministry of the church, and that all colored ministers and powers in all Church Councils.

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Two Freight Trains Collide With Fatal Results—Six Persons Killed—An Express Train Delayed and Numerous Passengers Injured.

Troy, N. Y., Aug. 9. A terrible accident occurred on the Troy & Boston Railroad Wednesday. It was due principally to the neglect of Johnson, the telegraph operator at Petersburg Junction, to carry out his orders. He was on duty from 10 o'clock Tuesday night until 8 o'clock Wednesday morning. At seven o'clock Wednesday morning he received an order to flag and hold train No. 1 for five minutes. He placed a flag out, and train No. 2 passed, and he then took down the flag. He was in taking down the flag when train No. 3 passed, instead of leaving it up until No. 1 arrived at Petersburg Junction, causing the collision.

The two trains came together on a curve. Each was not only the engine of the other until both locomotives, gives the following account: "The engines were so close that it was impossible to slacken speed. The engines and cars of both were piled indeliberately together, and the cars immediately caught fire."

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Harry Garfield, eldest son of the late President, was one of the prize speakers at Williams College.

Admiral Murray, having failed in the cattle business in Texas, will open a law office in New York.—N. Y. Sun.

James Payn, the novelist, declares that he is a slow writer, producing only three or four pages a day; yet he has published over thirty novels.

Harriet Martineau, who was a prominent conclusion the last of her father for the East River Bridge, at New York. Colonel W. A. Roebling has resigned the position of Chief Engineer.

General Sir Edward Sabine, who recently died in England, at the age of ninety-eight, took part in the war of 1812 in the country. In 1814 he commanded the British batteries at the siege of Fort Erie.

Mr. Phil D. Armour, of Chicago, "the ruler of the provision market of the world," is fifty-four years of age. He was born in a log cabin on a farm near Chicago, Mass., a brickman just hired; Frederick Emery, of North Adams; Howard H. Rouse, operator at Vermont Station.

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